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1 Q. Did you have any knowledge that Ms. Varner had

- 2 written this memo to Mr. Ward in or about February of '99
- 3 making some statements about her interaction with Barbara
- 4 Graham?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did anyone come to you and ask you if you had
- 7 observed any of the interaction between Ms. Varner and
- 8 Ms. Graham?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Anybody ask you at any time if you had observed
- 11 anything between Ms. Varner and Ms. Graham?
- 12 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Would you look at the last document of Exhibit
- 14 16, please? This is a handwritten document from Ms. Varner
- 15 to Tom Kline.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Who is Tom Kline?
- 18 A. He is the sheriff of Cumberland County.
- 19 Q. Do you recall seeing this document, specifically,
- 20 the fourth page of Exhibit 16?
- 21 A. I do not recall seeing this document.
- 22 Q. Did you have any discussions with Tom Kline
- 23 regarding Barbara Varner?
- A. No, I did not.
- Q. Did you have any discussions with Tom Kline

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- 1 regarding Barbara Graham?
- 2 A. No, I did not.
- 3 Q. Mr. Osenkarski, were you present at a meeting
- 4 that involved Mr. Graham and his attorney and Judge Sheely on
- 5 July 10 of 1997?
- 6 A. No. I wasn't present.
- 7 Q. Were you ever present in any meeting at which
- 8 Mr. Graham and his attorney discussed matters relating to
- 9 Ms. Varner?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did you know that Mr. Graham had engaged an
- 12 attorney to speak to Judge Sheely?
- 13 A. Not specifically. I think I heard, from where I
- 14 don't know, that he had engaged Dave Foster, I believe, but I
- 15 wasn't privy to any information.
- 16 Q. Did Mr. Graham tell you that he had obtained
- 17 someone to advocate for him?
- 18 A. He may have.
- 19 Q. Do you think it was in or about the time of July
- 20 10, 1997?
- 21 A. Approximately that time.
- 22 Q. Do you remember if Mr. Graham told you why he was
- 23 engaging an attorney?
- A. Not specifically.
- 25 Q. Do you remember anything he told you about that?

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- 1 MR. ADAMS: Engaging an attorney?
- MS. WALLET: About counsel.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I presume it was because of the
- 4 Complaint, but I didn't know any specifics and I was never
- 5 told anything.
- 6 BY MS. WALLET:
- 7 Q. When you gave the directions to Ms. Varner that
- 8 had been given to you from Judge Hoffer about staying out of
- 9 a certain area in the courthouse, had you ever been given
- 10 such directions previously?
- 11 A. No, but I told him I didn't think it was such a
- 12 good idea, to remove her from that area. That was my gut
- 13 reaction.
- 14 Q. So this was the first time your supervisor had
- 15 ever suggested to you that one of your employees, an employee
- 16 you supervised, should be restricted from some portion of the
- 17 courthouse?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And that would be true for your 32 years of
- 20 employment?
- 21 A. Yes. I mean --
- MR. ADAMS: Just for clarification, you haven't
- 23 been -- I don't think he's been in a managerial, you know, in
- 24 a managerial position those 32 years, so it wouldn't be
- 25 totally accurate.

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- 1 MS. WALLET: Okay.
- 2 BY MS. WALLET:
- 3 Q. How many of those years were you in a supervisory
- 4 responsibility?
- 5 A. I was promoted to supervisor, I believe it was in
- 6 September of 1977.
- 7 Q. So some 24 years?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 O. This was the first time?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. In the previous period of time earlier than 24
- 12 years ago up till about 32 years ago when you started, did
- 13 you ever hear of anybody being so restricted?
- A. No, I didn't.
- 15 Q. Why did you tell the judge you didn't think it
- 16 was such a good idea?
- 17 A. Because common sense told me it's a public area,
- 18 it was our area, and there was a remote possibility that she
- 19 could have conducted business with either Juvenile, other
- 20 Juvenile officers or Adult officers.
- 21 Q. So there may have been a legitimate business
- 22 reason for her to go to that location?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And what did Judge Hoffer say?
- 25 A. He said, do what I asked you to do, I've got

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1 concerns about a potential conflict and I want to avoid it.

- 2 To the best of your knowledge, were there any
- 3 restrictions imposed on Barbara Graham as to where she could
- 4 go in the courthouse?
- 5 I was not aware of any restrictions.
- 6 Did Judge Hoffer offer to you during that
- 7 conversation that he was restricting not only Ms. Varner but
- also Ms. Graham? 8
- 9 In the brief conversation that he had with me, he
- 10 stated that he was restricting Ms. Varner.
- Did you ever observe any conflict between Barbara 11 Q.
- Varner and Barbara Graham? 12
- 13 Α. No.
- 14 Now, at some point Ms. Varner asked to move her
- office. Is that correct? 15
- 16 Α. Yes.
- 17 What do you remember about the request to move 0.
- the office? 18
- 19 Α. It was granted.
- 20 Q. Well, what did she ask to do?
- 21 After the bomb threat, Barbara advised that
- 22 she -- Barbara didn't advise me, but I believe Barbara
- 23 consulted with the Human Resource office, specifically Chris
- 24 Miller, the HR director, and she wanted to be moved from the
- 25 office where she was when the bomb threat occurred, to the

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- 1 annex area.
- 2 Q. And were you supportive of that request?
- 3 A. Yes, I was.
- 4 Q. Why?
- 5 A. Because after consulting with Chris Miller, Chris
- 6 Miller felt that it would be a good idea. So I went along
- 7 with it.
- 8 Q. And did Ms. Miller tell you why she thought it
- 9 was a good idea?
- 10 A. Because Barbara Varner had some fears about
- 11 remaining in the office where the bomb threat occurred.
- 12 Q. And Ms. Miller thought that this might remedy
- 13 that situation?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you discuss the matter of the move of the
- 16 office with the judge at that time?
- 17 A. I believe I may have sent a memo, perhaps sent a
- 18 memo, and I'm not sure of this, to the judge advising him
- 19 that I approved of the move after consulting with Chris
- 20 Miller, who recommended the move be made.
- Q. And what did Judge Hoffer say?
- 22 A. I don't recall. There wasn't much of a reaction
- 23 I think after I told him that it was recommended by the HR
- 24 director.
- 25 Q. Did Judge Hoffer tell you to get Ms. Varner to

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put it in writing?

- 2 A. I don't recall.
- 3 Q. Did you ask Ms. Varner to put it in writing?
- 4 A. I don't honestly recall whether I did.
- 5 Q. Was she ultimately moved?
- 6 A. Yes.

- 7 Q. And that's where her office is now?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did judge Hoffer ever rescind his directive to
- 10 Ms. Varner conveyed through you that Ms. Varner was not to go
- 11 into the annex area?
- 12 A. It was not conveyed through me. I shortly after
- 13 the bomb threat was out of the office for about a week and
- 14 actually out of the area in Houston, Texas, for a training
- 15 conference. So I wasn't available for a conference, for any
- 16 conferencing.
- 17 Q. Okay. So after the bomb threat you were gone for
- 18 a period of time?
- 19 A. Yeah. I left the following day for State College
- 20 to a statewide chiefs meeting. Came back early the next
- 21 morning, which was Saturday, I flew to Texas.
- 22 Q. How long were you out of work, sir?
- 23 A. I was out of the office but working at the
- 24 conference I believe till the following Friday.
- 25 Q. Two weeks?

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- 1 A. No, it was about a week.
- Q. Okay. Well, let me ask a more specific question.
- 3 Based on Exhibit 16, if you accept the date, you told
- 4 Ms. Varner on May 26th that she was restricted from the third
- 5 floor east wing of the courthouse, correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. At any time after May 26th, 1998, did Judge
- 8 Hoffer rescind that restriction?
- 9 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 10 Q. Did the move of the office to the annex area, did
- 11 that violate the restriction that you relayed to Ms. Varner
- 12 on May 26th?
- 13 A. I don't recall if -- it was a different set of
- 14 circumstances and it was a recommendation of the Human
- 15 Resources Department, and under the circumstances I felt it
- 16 was appropriate to go along with the recommendation of Chris
- 17 Miller, the HR director.
- 18 Q. Is her office, Ms. Varner's office presently in
- 19 the part of the courthouse where she was restricted from?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. To the best of your knowledge, is she still under
- 22 any restrictions based on Judge Hoffer's directive?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. When do you believe those restrictions were
- 25 lifted?

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1 A. Well, they eased after the court stenographers

- 2 would have left the area and gone to their permanent
- 3 headquarters on another floor in another area.
- 4 Q. And when was that, sir?
- 5 A. I'm not sure.
- 6 Q. Well, was it closer in time to June of '98 or
- 7 closer in time till today?
- 8 A. Closer in time to June of '98.
- 9 Q. Do you think the stenographers moved before 2000?
- 10 A. I believe so.
- 11 Q. Did Ms. Varner complain to you that she was
- 12 humiliated by this restriction on her ability to go into the
- 13 annex area?
- 14 A. I don't know that specifically she says she was
- 15 humiliated. I recall that she felt that it was unfair to
- 16 restrict her.
- 17 Q. And you were somewhat in agreement?
- 18 A. Yeah. I told the judge it wasn't such a good
- 19 idea.
- 20 Q. She did complain to you, though, about that
- 21 decision, did she not?
- 22 A. She told me she felt it was a public area and
- 23 that she should have access to because of the potential for
- 24 having the need to consult with, work with both other Adult
- 25 and other Juvenile officers who were physically housed in

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1 that area.

- 2 Q. If she didn't say she was humiliated, did she say
- 3 she was embarrassed about it?
- 4 A. I don't recall her saying humiliated or
- 5 embarrassed.
- Q. What do you recall her saying?
- 7 A. That she felt it was unfair because it was a
- 8 public building, and secondly, that there was the possibility
- 9 she would have to consult with others, both adult and
- 10 juvenile officers, professionally.
- 11 Q. Did you write Ms. Varner a memo about the bomb
- 12 scare in March of 2002?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Why did you write that memo?
- 15 A. Because she wrote me a memo I believe asking for
- 16 a response. And secondly, I felt that it was appropriate for
- 17 me to respond that I acted in good faith since there was no
- 18 office protocol, county protocol, about whose responsibility
- 19 it was to clear buildings.
- 20 MS. WALLET: I'd like to mark as Deposition
- 21 Exhibit 17 a one-page document.
- 22 (Osenkarski Deposition Exhibit 17 was marked.)
- 23 BY MS. WALLET:
- 24 Q. Are you familiar with the document we've marked
- 25 Deposition Exhibit 17?

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1 A. Yes.

- 2 Q. Is that the memo you wrote in or about April 2,
- 3 2002, about the bomb threat in March?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And this was in response to the memo that she
- 6 wrote to you?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Just curious, sir. Why did you write in the
- 9 third paragraph in a memo from you to her: I advised her
- 10 that there was no deliberate attempt to avoid notifying you?
- 11 A. Because I was -- it was a grammatical thing and I
- 12 most likely was responding -- I was angry because I felt I
- 13 acted in good faith, and received a memo of reprimand from
- 14 the chief clerk that I didn't evacuate the office.
- 15 And I advised the chief clerk that there was no
- 16 procedure established and that I waited as long as I could
- 17 before removing myself from our office area along with the
- 18 last secretary, and was blamed for something I felt that I
- 19 shouldn't have been blamed for doing.
- 20 Q. You're writing this memo, this is you to Barb
- 21 Varner, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Why didn't you just say to her: Barb, I'm sorry,
- 24 I didn't make any deliberate attempt to avoid notifying you?
- 25 A. It was just a, I imagine it was a grammatical

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1 error on my part without proofreading it. I can't offer any

- 2 other further explanation.
- 3 Q. In fact, you never came to her afterwards and
- 4 told her: I really didn't deliberately attempt to avoid
- 5 notifying you, did you?
- 6 A. I didn't go to her specifically, no.
- 7 Q. You were present during the testimony of
- 8 Ms. Varner and I believe the testimony of Mr. Graham about
- 9 shoes that were available from a charitable entity? Do you
- 10 remember that conversation, sir?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What do you know about those shoes?
- 13 A. I don't recall anything specific about those
- 14 shoes but I'll explain to you, even though I don't have to,
- 15 about my involvement with charities, if you want to hear it.
- 16 Q. Well, I only want to hear about these shoes. Are
- 17 you aware that there was a charitable entity that provided
- 18 shoes for individuals who received services in your office?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you have occasion to pick up those shoes?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. What was the charitable entity?
- 23 A. You mean the organization that provided the --
- 24 Q. Yes, sir.
- 25 A. There was a corporation, a shoe corporation.

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1 Q. How did you find out about these?

- 2 A. I did it on my own without any contract with the
- 3 county. It was just a kind gesture on my part that I did for
- 4 15 to 20 years.
- 5 Q. And for 15 to 20 years you would go and pick up
- 6 these shoes?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And what did do you with the shoes?
- 9 A. I provided institutions, detention centers,
- 10 individuals, with these charity shoes. These were returns,
- 11 rejects, that couldn't be marketed by the shoe corporation.
- 12 Q. And were they given to you by this corporation
- 13 for use by the juveniles under your supervision?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you keep any of these shoes for your personal
- 16 use?
- 17 A. I had the prerogative to provide these shoes to
- 18 whoever I deemed was, you know, in need of these products.
- 19 Q. My question, sir, was: Did you keep any of these
- 20 shoes for your personal use?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Not one?
- 23 A. Oh, I recall giving some shoes that were not
- 24 needed by the juvenile justice entities because they were not
- 25 needed. They were infant, baby shoes, that were mixed in

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1 with the products I received, these charitable products I

- 2 received.
- 3 Q. Sir, would you answer my question? Did you keep
- 4 any of these shoes for your personal use or the use of your
- 5 family?
- 6 A. May have kept a couple of pair.
- 7 Q. Did you give any of these shoes to your daughter
- 8 to sell?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you give any of these shoes to Mr. Graham for
- 11 his personal use or the use of his family?
- 12 A. I don't recall.
- 13 Q. Have you used any of the office supplies for your
- 14 personal use, sir?
- 15 A. Personal use? No. I have tablets in my car and
- 16 I have tablets at my home which I use because I use the
- 17 telephone and I depend on memos written, handwritten memos.
- 18 Q. What about tapes?
- 19 A. Tapes?
- Q. Tapes.
- 21 A. I don't recall.
- MR. ADAMS: What do you mean by tapes?
- MS. WALLET: Audio tapes.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
- 25 BY MS. WALLET:

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1 Q. You never used the county's audio tapes for music

- 2 retaping?
- 3 A. I don't recall.
- 4 Q. You didn't? Or you just don't remember?
- 5 A. I don't remember.
- 6 Q. Is it possible you did?
- 7 MR. ADAMS: Objection, asked and answered twice.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
- 9 BY MS. WALLET:
- 10 Q. What's your understanding of the county's policy
- 11 with regard to paying for schooling?
- 12 A. The county has a policy for paying for certain
- 13 course work which would be job related. Undergraduate,
- 14 graduate or any kind of education that has to do with the --
- 15 which would help in the performance of the county employee's
- 16 work performance.
- 17 Q. Is this a written policy of some sort?
- 18 A. Yes, there is a written policy.
- 19 Q. And were you aware that Ms. Varner had requested
- 20 county payment of certain schooling?
- 21 A. Yes. In fact, it was approved. She put a
- 22 request in and it was approved by me.
- 23 Q. And was it ultimately approved for payment by the
- 24 county?
- 25 A. I believe so.

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- 1 Q. Are you aware of any times when Ms. Varner
- 2 submitted requests for payment by the county that were
- 3 denied?
- 4 A. I believe there was a situation where a request
- 5 was made and that it was questioned. And then I believe that
- 6 when the questioned document came back to me, I reapproved
- 7 it.
- 8 Whatever course work that she put in for, I never
- 9 denied but only approved even after the second time it was
- 10 submitted.
- 11 Q. And you did that because you thought it was work
- 12 related and fell within the policy of the county?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did you ever use cell phones for personal use?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Did you ever take a cell phone hunting?
- 17 A. I may have carried a cell phone with me some time
- 18 ago.
- 19 Q. Whose cell phone was that?
- 20 A. Mine.
- 21 Q. Your personal cell phone?
- 22 A. I believe.
- Q. Did you ever carry the county cell phone?
- 24 A. I may have, but I don't recall specifically.
- 25 Q. Did you ever carry a cell phone that was assigned

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1 to Ms. Varner when you were hunting?

- 2 A. I don't recall.
- 3 Q. Did you hear the testimony about your use of a
- 4 Bic lighter?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Is it true?
- 7 A. I vaguely recall having the item.
- 8 Q. What was this item, sir?
- 9 A. It was a makeshift Bic lighter which when flicked
- 10 ejected an artificial penis.
- 11 Q. And this was your personal property?
- 12 A. I believe I got it from someone and had it for a
- 13 brief period of time.
- 14 Q. You owned this lighter?
- 15 A. No, it wasn't mine. I got -- I forget who I got
- 16 it from, a friend or something. I had it for a brief period
- 17 of time.
- 18 Q. You borrowed it from a friend?
- 19 A. I think so.
- Q. And why did you borrow such an item?
- 21 A. To use it in jest in a non-work situation.
- 22 Q. Did you use it in a work situation?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Did you use it at a conference?
- 25 A. I may have.

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1 Q. Did you use it at a conference where there were

- 2 probation officers under your supervision?
- 3 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Why exactly did you borrow this lighter?
- 5 A. To use in jest, to show in jest.
- 6 Q. To show to whom?
- 7 A. I'm not quite sure I knew.
- 8 Q. Just thought it was a neat thing to do?
- 9 A. Perhaps.
- 10 Q. Mr. Osenkarski, Ms. Varner has alleged that you
- 11 called attention to her gender. Have you ever done that?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. You didn't call her a female or a broad or
- 14 something that would relate to her gender?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Ever call her a bitch?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Have you made what might be considered by some
- 19 women inappropriate comments about women?
- 20 MR. ADAMS: Objection. Calls for speculation.
- 21 Will you please rephrase the question, maybe?
- 22 BY MS. WALLET:
- 23 Q. Well, have you ever said demeaning things about
- 24 women?
- 25 A. Not that I know of.

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1 Q. Did you ever use the term jeehoobees in reference

- to some woman's breasts?
- 3 Α. I think I told you that in the last, during the
- 4 last deposition, did I ever use that statement in my life? I
- 5 may have, but I don't recall, and I told you that with
- 6 regards to my work situation.
- 7 And you didn't make it in reference to a female
- intern's breasts? 8
- 9 Α. I don't recall, no.
- Did you ever refer to your girlfriend's genital 10 Q.
- area in front of women in the office? 11
- No, I don't recall. 12 Α.
- 13 Did you agree that Ms. Varner has been given some
- of the most difficult of the Juvenile Probation cases? 14
- No. Our cases are distributed based on the 15 A.
- 16 officer's performance, and we strive to make sure they're
- 17 handed out fairly. And we strive to ensure that the person
- 18 with the most expertise to resolve, you know, a particular
- 19 case, will be given that case to work with.
- 2.0 I know, sir, we had a brief discussion about this
- 21 the last time, but I had forgotten precisely what I asked
- 22 you, so I'll ask you again.
- How do you keep statistics on the cases or 23
- 24 numbers of cases that are assigned to individuals?
- 25 A. Well, the supervisor does case assigning, and

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- 1 it's not just a numbers game. It's a process that involves
- 2 the supervisor making sure that he knows the expertise of his
- 3 probation officers under him, and make sure that the,
- 4 secondly, that the cases are fairly distributed to the most
- 5 appropriate probation officers.
- 6 Q. Do you keep these statistics on a quarterly or
- 7 monthly, weekly basis?
- 8 A. Well, we have assignment sheets. Each individual
- 9 probation officer has a list of cases or a list that's kept
- 10 of the case assignments on a regular basis. That's ongoing.
- 11 Q. But if I said tell me how many cases Ms. Varner
- 12 had in June of 1999, is there a readily available statistic
- 13 where I could find that information?
- 14 A. I believe that the office manager can provide a
- 15 list of cases, assignment dates and completion dates.
- 16 Q. So somewhere there's a chart --
- 17 A. Yeah, there's a chart.
- 18 Q. -- that would show each person?
- 19 A. Numbers. Again, numbers. It's not just a
- 20 numbers game distribution, it's an expectation that I've
- 21 always had that supervisors should fairly distribute work,
- 22 and we cannot just look at numbers to get a refined defined
- 23 estimate of workload. It's not only numbers but it's
- 24 difficulty level, and one learns difficulty levels only after
- 25 being experienced himself or herself. So it's a dual

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- 1 responsibility.
- 2 Q. My question, sir, is: If I ask you what were the
- 3 numbers of cases assigned to one of your individual juvenile
- 4 probation officers at any given time, does that document
- 5 exist now? Or would someone have to create that?
- 6 A. We have a -- we could give you a document that
- 7 would show case assignments.
- 8 Q. And you believe that that would be done on a
- 9 monthly basis?
- 10 A. It's an ongoing -- it's a daily basis.
- 11 Q. What's your understanding of the office policy
- 12 with regard to leaving on commitment trips?
- 13 A. There isn't any specific time that one should
- 14 leave. It's a matter of time of the day, time court is over
- 15 with, the kid himself or herself, whether or not there's
- 16 space in detention to either house overnight or proceed with
- 17 a placement. Any number of factors.
- 18 Q. Do you pay your probation officers from what I'll
- 19 call portal to portal, when they leave their home till they
- 20 return to their home?
- 21 A. As long as it's legitimate work time, yes. It
- 22 can be taken in comp time or overtime.
- 23 Q. And there's no restriction on not leaving at some
- 24 particular time after, let's say, eight o'clock in the
- 25 morning?

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- 1 A. No. But common sense would dictate that a PO or
- 2 two POs wouldn't take a child at 4:30 in the afternoon on a
- 3 snowy day after a placement's made when there was space in
- 4 detention, the child could be housed overnight and then
- 5 realistically taken the following day in the earlier part of
- 6 the day.
- 7 Q. Were you aware that Ms. Varner was docked pay by
- 8 Mr. Graham?
- 9 A. I think, this goes way back, six or seven years
- 10 ago, there was an incident, and I'm not that -- I'm fuzzy on
- 11 details, but there may have been a one-hour pay on one
- 12 occasion that was taken away from Ms. Varner. But again, I'm
- 13 not -- I'm fuzzy on details and I don't recall the
- 14 circumstances.
- 15 Q. Was it just Ms. Varner, or was it someone else?
- 16 A. Perhaps Debra Green. But again, I'm not --
- 17 MR. ADAMS: Don't guess. If you know, you know.
- 18 If you don't --
- 19 THE WITNESS: I may -- I don't know.
- 20 BY MS. WALLET:
- 21 Q. Are you aware of any male probation officers who
- 22 were docked pay?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 MS. WALLET: That's all the questions I have,
- 25 Mr. Osenkarski.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 2 MR. DELLASEGA: No questions.
- 3 MR. MacMAIN: I have some follow-up. You want me
- 4 to go?
- 5 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.
- 6 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 7 Mr. Osenkarski, we've met before. My name's
- 8 David MacMain. I represent Mr. Graham. I just have a few,
- 9 what's the word we used before lunch, smattering of questions
- 10 in areas maybe I wanted to follow up both on today as well as
- from prior days. 11
- 12 MR. DELLASEGA: Slogging.
- 13 MR. MacMAIN: Slogging.
- BY MR. MacMAIN: 14
- 15 Going back to the first day of depositions, let Q.
- 16 me start there. Had you ever, other than this particular
- 17 occasion, ever received any type of complaint about
- 18 Mr. Graham's sexually harassing anyone?
- 19 I never received a complaint about Gary Graham's
- 20 sexually harassing anyone.
- 21 Okay. And that would include no complaints by
- 22 Ms. Varner prior to this occasion of Mr. Graham in any way
- 23 sexually harassing her or creating a hostile work
- 24 environment?
- 25 MS. WALLET: Objection to the form of the

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1 question. What do you mean by this occasion?

- 2 MR. MacMAIN: The occasion that we're here for
- 3 today.
- 4 MS. WALLET: She made a whole lot of complaints.
- 5 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 6 Q. Prior to her first complaint to you, which is set
- 7 forth in the Complaint, have there been any other complaints
- 8 brought by Ms. Varner against Mr. Graham?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. You had said that you described Mr. Graham as
- 11 having a loud voice and being excitable. Correct?
- 12 A. Excitable, yes.
- 13 Q. Would that be as to just Ms. Varner, or would
- 14 that be as to various people in the office?
- 15 A. Mr. Graham has an excitable personality is the
- 16 best way I can use to describe it.
- 17 Q. And my question then is: That excitable
- 18 personality and loud voice, that's the way he is with
- 19 everybody; would that be fair to say?
- 20 A. Yes. Yes.
- 21 Q. You talked the other day that the Probation
- 22 office is an unnatural environment, and I think you started
- 23 to explain that cases you deal with involve difficult
- 24 personalities, difficult issues and that type of thing.
- 25 Could you explain, I guess, in more detail what you meant by

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- 1 that?
- 2 A. Well, we work with difficult people. The only
- 3 people we work with are people who are in trouble with the
- 4 law for any number of reasons. It's common criminality,
- 5 criminality that displays itself because of a host of
- 6 individual, personal problems, mental illness, social
- 7 disabilities on and on and on.
- 8 Q. And is part and parcel of the nature of the job
- 9 dealing with cases or individuals that may have -- cases or
- 10 individuals involving unnatural or difficult sexual
- 11 relations?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Would the cases and the clients you're involved
- 14 with also use profanity?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Cases your office deals with or clients your
- 17 office deals with, involved in physical violence?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. When clients come in -- I assume clients come
- 20 into your offices on occasion?
- 21 A. Yes, regularly.
- 22 Q. Regularly. Do any of the clients ever use
- 23 profanity around the employees?
- A. That's possible, yes.
- 25 Q. Have you heard profanity used by clients that are

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1 in the office?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Do any of the clients have loud voices and yell
- 4 at their probation or parole officers?
- 5 A. At times it's possible.
- 6 Q. Do they use profanity towards their probation or
- 7 parole officers?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Would you agree with me that that unfortunately
- 10 is part of the job?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You talked today about the complaints regarding
- 13 the seniority issue, correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And you had said people were not happy with, some
- 16 people were not happy with changing it and some people were
- 17 unhappy with the way it was; would that be fair?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And that would involve both males and females had
- 20 differences of opinion one way or the other?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do you have the pile of exhibits there in front
- 23 of you? I want you to look at what we marked as Osenkarski
- 24 12, if you'd turn to the page that has a Bates number of
- 25 210296 at the bottom? And what I'm looking at is a memo from

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- 1 Thomas Boyer.
- 2 A. I have that.
- 3 Q. Okay. Would it be fair to say that Mr. Boyer
- 4 wasn't happy with the proposed changes to the seniority
- 5 system?
- 6 A. Was he?
- 7 Q. He was not happy with changing the system in some
- 8 way, the seniority system; would that be fair to say?
- 9 A. Well, he was I would say wanting changes in the
- 10 old seniority system because of the number of factors that
- 11 were used to come up with the seniority list.
- 12 Q. So is Mr. Boyer wanting the new system or opposed
- 13 to a new system?
- 14 A. He was wanting a new system.
- 15 Q. If you turn to page 4 of this memo, the Bates
- 16 number at the bottom is 210299.
- 17 A. I have it.
- 18 Q. I'm looking at the I guess comparison that
- 19 Mr. Boyer had done under the two different seniority systems?
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. And Mr. Boyer actually, he would be affected by a
- 22 change in the system, right? On one list he would have been
- 23 second in seniority, and the other list he would have been
- 24 first, correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q.	And $Mr.$	Boyer,	of	course,	is	a male,	correct?
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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And looking at individual 15, 15, Horick?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And Ms. Horick, that's Nicole Horick?
- 6 A. Nicole, right.
- 7 Q. A female, of course?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And again, under the two different lists, she
- 10 would be affected depending on which system was employed,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. And without comparing everyone, there's a number
- 14 of other individuals both male and female that would be
- 15 affected differently depending on which system was used?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Was there ever any discussion that the reason the
- 18 seniority system was being looked at was because of any
- 19 discriminatory purpose?
- 20 A. What do you mean by discriminatory?
- 21 Q. Well, in other words, different people may be
- 22 affected, but was there ever any motive or any other concern
- 23 by the people involved in looking at this that this would
- 24 somehow be discriminatory towards one group or another?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. Was that something that was considered as

- 2 part of looking at the issue?
- 3 A. Well, we wanted to rectify the, I'm going to use
- 4 the word unfairness and use a little different word.
- 5 Q. The motive was to try and make the system more
- 6 fair in some people's minds?
- 7 A. Fair. Yes, it was the only motive.
- 8 Q. You were asked some questions about whether or
- 9 not, I think you had answered some of the staff in the office
- 10 didn't like Gary Graham. Would that be fair to say?
- 11 A. That's fair to say, yes.
- 12 Q. Would it be fair to say that some of the staff in
- 13 the office don't like Barbara Varner?
- 14 A. That's fair to say.
- 15 Q. Would it be fair to say that not everybody in
- 16 your office likes everybody else?
- 17 A. No, they don't.
- 18 Q. You were asked earlier today about profanity in
- 19 the workplace and you were asked a series of categories of
- 20 people if they use profanity. Are there any females on your
- 21 staff that have ever used profanity in the office?
- 22 A. Yes, in the past.
- 23 Q. Are there any females in your office that have
- 24 ever told off-color jokes?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. You were asked about Osenkarski 4, which is an

- 2 evaluation. Can you pull that out? If you turn to the
- 3 second page, okay? There are X's in the first column. For
- 4 example, there's an X under the satisfactory block. Do you
- 5 see that?
- 6 A. In the satisfactory block?
- 7 Q. Right.
- 8 A. You're referring to page 2?
- 9 Q. On page 2 in the first column under job factors
- 10 there's an X in the satisfactory block, correct?
- 11 A. Right.
- 12 Q. And if you look to the far left, there's a very
- 13 faint X under outstanding?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And in some of the other blocks there's the same
- 16 thing, there's a faint X in a different block that's kind of
- 17 penciled in, it looks like?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you know how those got there?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. You don't know who put those there?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Do you know if Ms. Varner put those there as to
- 24 the evaluation she thought she should have gotten?
- 25 A. I don't know that.

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1 Q. We went through a series of evaluations for

- 2 Ms. Varner and I'm not going to go through them again, but
- 3 does it appear that actually her evaluations have increased
- 4 or gone up over the past three or four years?
- 5 A. Yes. They've increased.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. Dramatically.
- 8 Q. That would be despite the fact there was ongoing
- 9 litigation?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And despite the fact she's claiming that she
- 12 feels retaliated against by a number of people; would that be
- 13 fair?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. You were asked I guess most recently some
- 16 questions about these charity shoes, and I don't think you
- 17 were asked the question were any of those shoes given to
- 18 either Ms. Varner or her family members to use for personal
- 19 use?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And was that on more than one occasion?
- 22 A. I believe on one occasion. As I started to refer
- 23 to there, I had the prerogative to use those shoes for
- 24 whatever purpose I deem proper. And the primary reason I
- 25 receive those shoes is to make sure that these desperate --

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- 1 these kids that we deal with who may at times have only one
- 2 pair of shoes on their feet, which is all they own, you know,
- 3 receive something adequate on their feet so that they don't
- 4 suffer any more than they are suffering.
- 5 And I would like to say that 99 percent of the
- 6 stuff -- again, it's my prerogative, it's not a dictate by
- 7 the county, it's something Joe Osenkarski has done to improve
- 8 mankind, if you want to speak philosophically, and to improve
- 9 my position in terms of effectiveness of operating a most, in
- 10 a most difficult environment with difficult kids, and using a
- 11 product that normally would be thrown away.
- 12 Further to say that probably I have distributed
- 13 hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of shoes. In fact,
- 14 when that question was brought up the first day, I thought I
- 15 had a half-inch or a quarter-inch memo showing the numbers of
- 16 letters of thank you and what have you for my generosity, and
- 17 it's two and a half inches. And I threw one of the files
- 18 away many, many years ago because it was just collecting
- 19 space. So does that tell you anything?
- 20 MR. MacMAIN: Those are all the questions I have.
- 21 Thanks.
- MS. WILLIAMS: I have a couple of questions, if I
- 23 might.
- 24 BY MS. WILLIAMS:
- 25 Q. Mr. Osenkarski, I'm Taylor Williams as you

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1 know, representing the court defendant in this case.

- You had occasion to review a document we've
- 3 marked as Osenkarski Exhibit No. 12?
- 4 A. Okay, I have it.
- 5 Q. And the first page of that has a date of February
- 6 28th, 2000. It was your testimony, I believe, that you
- 7 didn't know why this memo was written by Thomas Boyer.
- 8 Is it possible that the memo was written in
- 9 relation to the EEOC investigation?
- 10 A. Possibly.
- 11 Q. And that it might have been an attempt to revisit
- 12 that in order to answer questions related to the EEOC?
- 13 A. Yes. I now recall that I think there was a
- 14 request for documents, whether it been from a Howard Holmes?
- 15 And I now recall that you said that I directed Mr. Boyer to
- 16 prepare the history of the seniority policy because the
- 17 information was requested by I believe Howard Holmes from the
- 18 EEOC.
- 19 Q. Or --
- 20 A. Or someone.
- Or someone related to the EEOC?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Thanks. Let me direct your attention to
- 24 Osenkarski Exhibit No. 10. I can show you my copy.
- 25 A. All right.

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1 Q. It's a handwritten memorandum from Barbara Varner

- 2 to you. Do you recollect seeing that earlier?
- 3 MS. WALLET: Excuse me. I think that might be
- 4 something other than 10.
- 5 MS. WILLIAMS: It is 16, I'm sorry. My own
- 6 handwriting has let me down, you're right.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I recall seeing the first page but
- 8 not --
- 9 BY MS. WILLIAMS:
- 10 Q. Right. It's the first page I have a question
- 11 about so that's fortunate. Is it fair to say that there has
- 12 never been a situation of conflict between employees like the
- 13 conflict between Barbara Varner and Barbara Graham, in your
- 14 experience?
- 15 A. Yes, it's fair to say that.
- 16 Q. On that exhibit, I'll look over your shoulder, in
- 17 the second paragraph there is wording that says: Barbara
- 18 Graham was distraught when I was there.
- 19 Where did that language come from? Is that
- 20 language that you had seen before or known about before?
- 21 A. I had not seen her distraught in that particular
- 22 area, but it was a language that --
- 23 Q. Did you tell Barbara Varner that Barbara Graham
- 24 was distraught when she was there in the courthouse east
- 25 wing?

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1 A. No, I did not tell Barbara Varner that Barbara

- 2 Graham was distraught. I was delivering a message from Judge
- 3 Hoffer.
- 4 Q. Were those the words Judge Hoffer used?
- 5 A. I believe he used the words avoid a potential for
- 6 conflict.
- 7 Q. But to your recollection, he did not say that
- 8 Barbara Graham was distraught when Barbara Varner was there?
- 9 A. I don't recall him saying that. It was an issue
- 10 of his attempts to avoid the potential for conflict.
- 11 Q. You mentioned that Ms. Varner might have the
- 12 potential to do business in that third floor east wing of the
- 13 courthouse. Do you know if she actually did have some
- 14 business there?
- 15 MS. WALLET: I'm going to object to the form of
- 16 the question. She was prohibited from going there. I'm not
- 17 sure how she could have had business there. I just object to
- 18 the question.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.
- 20 BY MS. WILLIAMS:
- 21 Q. Do you know whether she had occasion to have need
- 22 to do business with somebody who was in that annex?
- 23 A. Well, yes, because probation officers interact
- 24 with other probation officers as a regular part of their
- 25 duties.

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1 Q. And were there ways to get around her actually

- 2 physically going to the probation officer?
- 3 A. To that particular area?
- 4 O. Yes.
- 5 A. There were ways around that, and that was to have
- 6 the probation officer who was being sought out for consulting
- 7 to be brought to the main area, the main office area where
- 8 Barbara Varner's office was located.
- 9 Q. Are you aware that there were any problems
- 10 because she was temporarily restricted from going into the
- 11 area where Barbara Graham was?
- 12 A. No.
- MS. WALLET: Objection to the word temporary.
- 14 BY MS. WILLIAMS:
- 15 Q. You can answer.
- 16 A. I was not aware of any problems.
- 17 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. That's all I have.
- MR. ADAMS: Just a few questions.
- 19 BY MR. ADAMS:
- 20 Q. Do you recall counsel for Gary Graham asking you
- 21 a few questions a moment ago about sexual harassment
- 22 complaints by Ms. Varner? Do you remember that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And you testified that you had never received any
- 25 complaints of sexual harassment by Barbara Varner; is that

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- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. And you said there was no complaint by
- 4 Mrs. Varner about Gary Graham of sexual harassment; is that
- 5 correct?

correct?

- 6 A. Not that I had seen in this. I've seen the
- 7 Complaint.
- 8 Q. Okay. Other than the Complaint, there were no
- 9 verbal complaints of any sort by -- other than the official
- 10 Complaint, that being in the court or either in the EEOC
- 11 setting, there were no complaints by Ms. Varner; is that
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. I know you're tired. Bear with me, okay.
- 15 But you do recall testifying during your first
- 16 portion of this deposition indicating that Ms. Varner had
- 17 come to see to you complain about cases between she and Gary
- 18 Graham; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. And upon that occasion when she came to
- 21 you to complain, did she mention anything about sexual
- 22 harassment?
- 23 A. No. That was a complaint about the differences
- they were having with case management issues, arguments.
- 25 Q. Had she come to you during that time and said or

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- 1 with a complaint under the premise of sexual harassment by
- 2 Gary Graham, what would you have done?
- 3 MS. WALLET: Objection, calls for speculation.
- 4 MR. ADAMS: Well, it's been asked, the question.
- 5 BY MR. ADAMS:
- 6 Q. Go ahead, you can answer.
- 7 A. Barbara Varner did not come to me with a sexual
- 8 harassment complaint against Gary Graham. She came to me to
- 9 complain about differences they were having, disagreements
- 10 they were having with case management issues.
- 11 Q. Had she come to you with a complaint of sexual
- 12 harassment, what would you have done?
- MS. WALLET: Objection. Calls for speculation.
- 14 BY MR. ADAMS:
- 15 Q. You may still answer.
- 16 A. I would have taken her to our superior or HR,
- 17 whatever the role was.
- 18 Q. You also received questions today regarding the
- 19 seniority policy that you implemented upon you becoming
- 20 chief. Do you remember those questions?
- 21 A. There were a lot of them.
- Q. Yeah, I know. We'll pull you back in this area,
- 23 okay?
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. As a new chief, did you have other policy changes

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1 or things that you wanted to implement in the office besides

- 2 the seniority policy?
- 3 A. About a hundred.
- 4 Q. Okay. And --
- 5 A. I'm just, not a hundred, but --
- Q. What's an unexaggerated answer?
- 7 A. Major improvement in personnel and major
- 8 improvement in programming, specialized probation services.
- 9 We had nothing when we were thrown into that split situation.
- 10 Q. How many persons would you say complained, when
- 11 you first became chief how many persons would you say
- 12 complained about the seniority system or policy in effect at
- 13 the time?
- 14 A. There were complaints made for 11 years during
- 15 the Bolze administration by five, six, that's a guesstimate,
- 16 people.
- 17 Q. Five or six out of how many personnel total?
- 18 A. We had 20, 20 people.
- 19 Q. Upon the implementation of the new seniority
- 20 policy, how many persons would you say benefitted?
- 21 A. Four or five.
- 22 Q. Now, you testified earlier that Ms. Varner was
- 23 personally asked about the new seniority policy that you
- 24 wanted to implement. What is your understanding of that?
- 25 A. As I stated earlier, I had Mr. Boyer carefully go

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1 over the planned changes in the seniority policy and

- 2 specifically that was to come up with one single deciding
- 3 factor why the seniority list was being made up, a new
- 4 seniority list was being made up, and that was time spent in
- 5 full-time service in Probation.
- 6 Q. And did Ms. Varner have any objections to the new
- 7 policy that you wanted to implement?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. What were her feelings about it initially, do you
- 10 recall?
- 11 MS. WALLET: I'm sorry, her feelings about what?
- 12 BY MR. ADAMS:
- Q. What were her feelings initially about the new
- 14 change in policy?
- MS. WALLET: About it initially?
- MR. ADAMS: Yes.
- 17 BY MR. ADAMS:
- 18 Q. If you recall?
- 19 A. The intended changes, according to information
- 20 which was given to me by Mr. Boyer, the person who I
- 21 delegated the duty of making sure he went over the new
- 22 changes with all staff.
- 23 Q. Do you believe that she felt the new policy that
- 24 you wanted to implement was fair?
- 25 A. Say that again.

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- 1 Q. Do you believe that Ms. Varner felt the new
- 2 policy was fair?
- 3 A. Initially I thought she was -- she felt it was
- 4 fair.
- 5 Q. When you implemented the seniority policy in the
- 6 Juvenile Probation Department did you know that it would
- 7 negatively affect Ms. Varner at all?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. If this question's already been asked, I
- 10 apologize, but my last question to you is: Can you explain
- 11 about, explain how Ms. Varner was not adversely affected
- 12 through that whole process with the seniority policy changes
- 13 going from one to the other?
- 14 A. Well, simply, it is a fact that she dropped one
- 15 notch on the new seniority list, but in reality, she did not
- 16 lose anything. She was given a promotion because the
- 17 criteria for senior PO were changed because she had made a
- 18 complaint about being dropped a notch and alleged that she
- 19 was being unfairly treated and that Bill Brandt was being
- 20 given something that she should have gotten. But the county
- 21 accommodated her by dropping the criteria from eight years or
- 22 six with a master's to four years and three years with a
- 23 master's. So she was accommodated.
- 24 And if anybody lost, it was William Brandt who
- 25 had to wait two-and-a-half months to three months before he

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1 got the benefit of that initial 5 percent increase in his

- 2 salary while the county was deciding to drop the criteria
- 3 from eight years to four years.
- 4 Q. Mr. Brandt didn't complain at all about the
- 5 process, did he?
- 6 A. He wasn't happy but he didn't complain.
- 7 Q. But Ms. Varner did?
- 8 A. She complained but was accommodated. That's the
- 9 important thing, I feel.
- MR. ADAMS: No further questions.
- MS. WALLET: Back to me?
- 12 BY MS. WALLET:
- 13 Q. You said that four or five people benefitted from
- 14 your seniority policy. Who?
- 15 A. Maybe I'm getting tired, but I don't recall --
- 16 Q. Well, name one person.
- 17 A. Maybe the word benefitted is a bad word or not a
- 18 good word to use. But there were no further complaints made
- 19 by those who were complaining.
- I'm drawing a blank. I don't know.
- 21 MR. ADAMS: If you don't recall, you don't
- 22 recall.
- THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
- 24 BY MS. WALLET:
- 25 Q. So when you said four or five people benefitted,

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- 1 you just kind of pulled that out of the air?
- 2 MR. ADAMS: Objection to the form.
- 3 THE WITNESS: The complaints ceased and everybody
- 4 appeared to be happier with the one criterion, full-time
- 5 service in the Probation Department and not service in other
- 6 departments, et cetera.
- 7 BY MS. WALLET:
- 8 Q. Isn't it true that the only person who benefitted
- 9 was Mr. Brandt?
- 10 A. You might say that. Yes.
- 11 Q. What shoes did you give to Ms. Varner?
- 12 A. I vaguely recall they were some infant shoes.
- 13 Q. What use did she have for these infant shoes?
- 14 A. I believe she had some grandchildren.
- 15 Q. Did you offer them to her or did she ask for
- 16 them?
- 17 A. I believe I offered them to her because there was
- 18 little use as to their need by juvenile institutions or
- 19 detention centers because there were no infants at the places
- 20 that I was getting these shoes and clothing to.
- 21 Q. One of your sister agencies is Children and
- 22 Youth, isn't it?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. You could have given those shoes to Children and
- 25 Youth to be distributed to those individuals?

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- 1 A. Oh, yes.
- 2 Q. Did you do that?
- 3 A. And I did. We're talking here about an
- 4 insignificant number of shoes. And most importantly, I had
- 5 the prerogative to distribute, as long as the bulk of the
- 6 stuff went to where I felt it should go, and that was carried
- 7 out.
- 8 Q. You have a recollection at least one pair of
- 9 shoes were given to Ms. Varner?
- 10 A. I'd say I just vaguely -- maybe three or four.
- 11 That's just a guesstimate.
- 12 Q. All infant shoes?
- 13 A. I believe so.
- Q. What do you remember about these shoes,
- 15 Mr. Osenkarski?
- 16 A. That I distributed thousands and thousands and
- 17 thousands of pair to institutions and individuals who were in
- 18 need of these things.
- 19 Q. And you remember a specific pair that you gave to
- 20 Ms. Varner?
- 21 A. I recall vaguely some infant shoes that I gave to
- 22 Ms. Varner.
- 23 Q. Now, when clients used profanity in your offices
- 24 you objected to that, didn't you?
- 25 A. If clients were particularly loud and unruly, I

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- 1 would object to it.
- 2 Q. In fact, you would consider that to be part of
- 3 your probation officers' discipline, to ensure that they
- 4 treated individuals with respect; wouldn't you agree?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So if you got kids in there and they're using the
- 7 F word, you would expect that your probation officers would
- 8 put a stop to it, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you do that?
- 11 A. If things got out of hand, I would have.
- 12 Q. Did they ever get out of hand? I'm sorry, I
- 13 missed the answer.
- 14 A. I didn't answer yet.
- 15 Q. Oh. That's why I missed it.
- 16 A. I'm trying to think if there's situation's where
- 17 I might have intervened, but I can't recall of anything
- 18 specific.
- 19 Q. Well, did you ever tell your probation officers:
- 20 When kids use profanity I expect that you will tell them
- 21 about it and you will stop it?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Yes, you did?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. I neglected to ask you, sir, do you carry a

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- 1 weapon as part of your responsibilities?
- 2 A. I am certified to carry a weapon but we have a --
- 3 whenever we split I made a training-only with weapons and a
- 4 no-carry policy, because very few people were certified to
- 5 carry and my emphasis was to get a number of people certified
- 6 before I approached the judge about a Juvenile probation
- 7 officer carry policy.
- 8 The Adult side continued their carry policy, but
- 9 we discontinued it as soon as we split. And several years
- 10 ago I offered a firearms carry policy to Judge Hoffer and he
- 11 never responded to implementing the carry policy. So the
- 12 policy continues to be a training-only and certification-only
- 13 policy with regards to weapons.
- 14 Q. After the split does the Juvenile Probation
- 15 office have weapons?
- 16 A. Yes, we have weapons.
- Q. Where are they?
- 18 A. The weapons are in a locked safe in the basement
- 19 of the annex. The extra weapons or the individual probation
- 20 officers who are certified have been issued a weapon which
- 21 they keep in their home.
- 22 Q. So even after the split, individual probation
- 23 officers may have a weapon; they're just not permitted to
- 24 carry it --
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. -- while at work?
- 2 A. Only certified officers. There's a state
- 3 certification system, it's I believe Act 158 which was an act
- 4 which created a department within the state Adult system
- 5 which developed a training policy.
- 6 Q. Okay. Let's talk about before the split. Before
- 7 the split did all of the Juvenile probation officers have the
- 8 opportunity to be certified to carry weapons?
- 9 A. Mr. Bolze had an annual certification process.
- 10 And I'm not sure of the year that the Commonwealth of
- 11 Pennsylvania passed this Act 158, but it was shortly before
- 12 Mr. Bolze retired.
- 13 Q. So before the split and before Mr. Bolze retired,
- 14 you had a weapon and you carried it while you were at work?
- 15 A. I never carried a weapon but I trained and
- 16 participated in the annual trainings which were held once a
- 17 year.
- 18 Q. And before this split and before he was
- 19 transferred to the institution, did Mr. Graham carry a
- 20 weapon?
- 21 A. I think Mr. Graham may have participated in the
- 22 annual qualification prior to the split and maybe shortly
- 23 after the split, but I don't recall that he was interested in
- 24 carrying or certifying.
- 25 Q. So your recollection is that before the split and

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1 before he was transferred to the institution, he did not

- 2 carry a weapon while on duty?
- 3 A. No, he didn't. He trained.
- Q. Did he have a weapon assigned to him?
- 5 A. There was a weapon available but I don't recall
- 6 that he was ever assigned one.
- 7 Q. If you're not allowed to carry a weapon as a
- 8 juvenile probation officer, why do you even have weapons?
- 9 Why are they assigned to people?
- 10 A. Well, it's training and it's up to the discretion
- 11 of the juvenile court judge and the president judge as to
- 12 whether or not he wants his probation officers carrying. And
- 13 in the State of Pennsylvania I, my guess is that
- 14 approximately one-third of the Juvenile Probation Departments
- 15 in the state have a carry policy.
- 16 Q. Who pays for the liability insurance?
- MR. ADAMS: Of carrying?
- 18 MS. WALLET: For the weapons that are owned by
- 19 the court system.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Well, the county has a liability
- 21 $\,$ policy, and it would be my understanding that the liability
- 22 policy carried by the county would cover the area that you're
- 23 talking about.
- 24 MR. ADAMS: I don't want you to guess. If you
- 25 didn't know --

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THE WITNESS: I don't know. I'm not sure. I'd 1 2 have to refer to the policy I placed on Judge Hoffer's desk 3 over two years ago. 4 BY MS. WALLET: 5 Before the split, if a probation officer was 6 certified and chose to carry a weapon, where was that weapon 7 kept during the business day? 8 The probation officer's home. Α. 9 Ο. Could you carry it into the courthouse on your 10 person? 11 Α. Yes. 12 Were there any restrictions about not having it 13 on your person while you were at work? 14 It would have to be secured in a safe place in the courthouse. 15 And was that this locked safe in the basement? 16 Q. 17 Α. Yes. Who had access to this safe? 18 Ο. 19 Α. I have the master key. 20 Q. Did your management team also have access to this 21 safe? 22 Α. No. 23 Who else besides you? Q.

Did Mr. Graham have access to that safe?

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No one.

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. How do you know that?
- 3 A. Mr. Graham had no interest. And he was removed
- 4 from my department for, you know, within a year and a little
- 5 bit after we split, so. And in addition to that, he had no
- 6 interest.
- 7 Q. My question, sir, was: Did he have access to
- 8 that safe?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. He didn't know the combination?
- 11 A. No. There wasn't a combination. It was a key
- 12 that I have in my locked desk.
- 13 Q. Any provisions if you were away on vacation?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. So if you were away, nobody had access to the
- 16 weapons?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. What female probation officers told off-color
- 19 jokes?
- 20 A. I believe Kerry Houser. She's no longer with --
- 21 she's not with Juvenile Probation, she's on the Adult side.
- I don't recall others.
- 23 Q. Any other female probation officer tell an
- 24 off-color joke in your presence?
- 25 A. I don't recall.

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1	Q.	Is that a no?
2	Α.	I just don't recall.
3		MS. WALLET: That's all I have.
4		MR. MacMAIN: No further questions.
5		(Whereupon, the deposition was concluded at
6	3:59 p.m.)	
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